

House Bill 601 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of county commissioners for the county of Jackson," approved December 18, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 257), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3570), so as to provide for new commissioner districts; to provide for currently serving commissioners; to provide for the submission of this Act for approval; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act entitled "An Act to create a board of county commissioners for the county of Jackson," approved December 18, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 257), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3570), is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2 as follows:

"(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Jackson County shall be divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected for each such district. Those districts shall consist of the described territory of Jackson County contained in the description attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further identified as: Plan Name: jackccp4 Plan Type: Local User: Staff Administrator: Jackson.

(c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Jackson County which is not included in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for

1 the State of Georgia. Any part of Jackson County which is described in that attachment as
2 being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such
3 part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included
4 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
5 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise
6 provided in the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such
7 district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as
8 shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
9 Georgia."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
12 commissioners of Jackson County are to be elected in the November, 2008, general election
13 and in subsequent general elections. It is not the intention of the General Assembly to affect
14 the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the manner in
15 which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided by law on
16 the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of
17 reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Jackson County to
20 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
21 as amended.

22 **SECTION 4.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.